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To:	City Council
Cc:	Clerk
Subject:	Hearing and vote on the Hewlett Packard resolution on April 23rd
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To: Marc McGovern, Jan Devereux, Dennis Carlone, E. Denise Simmons, Quinton Zondervan, Simbul Siddiqui, Timothy Toomey, Jr., Craig Kelley, and Alanna Mallon.

I understand that the resolution that would require the City of Cambridge to stop purchasing from Hewlett Packard is based upon HP and HP Inc.
companies' efforts to prevent the non-violent use of boycotts, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) in the service of justice and the preservation of human rights.
BDS actions use economic pressure instead of violence to achieve peaceful ends in the U. S. and in other countries.
BDS tactics have been used in
South Africa to end apartheid, and in El Salvador to stop international mining companies from poisoning the land and water of the long-suffering poor people
of that, and other, Central American countries.

Hewlett Packard technology is being targeted because it uses its technology to enforce discrimination and human rights violations in the U. S. and in other countries.
The campaign against Hewlett Packard is not focussed on any one country, ethnic group, or religion.

I am a longtime Cambridge resident (since1964) and homeowner (since 1976), and I worked in both the Cambridge Public Schools and Department of Public Health
before retiring. I am proud of my city's record of standing up for immigrant's rights in this country and for supporting many international struggles for justice.
Since significant opposition to this resolution seems to come from Jewish people who feel that an attack on HP is an attack on Israel, let it be known that I am Jewish
and I believe in the humane treatment of the Palestinian people.

I urge you to support this resolution.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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